(c) Efforts are being made to generate non-budgetary resources to expedite completion of the ongoing projects. A number of initiatives have been taken for getting additional resources through public/Private Partnership, cost sharing with State Governments, funding through Ministry of Defence, National Rail Vikas Yojana and additional funds for National projects. With all these initiatives, the ongoing projects are expected to be completed within a period of about five years.

Under performance regarding laying and doubling of rail lines

2064. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the Tenth Plan target for laying of new lines and doubling of lines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railways have missed the plan target in these regards;

(c) if so, the details for the Tenth Plan period and the reasons for the under performance, year-wise and zone-wise; and

(d) what is the target for Eleventh Plan in respect of new lines, gauge conversion, electrification and doubling of lines, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Agreement with Chinese Railways for expansion programme

2065. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposed to enter into an agreement with the Chinese Railways on a massive railway expansion programme with plans to invest at least two trillion yuan railway expansion by 2020 and construct an additional 1,00,000 kilometres of track during the time;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by what time India is likely to implement the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increasing the frequency of trains on ring railway and adjacent NCR areas

2066. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) as Metro Rail Corporation is spreading its coverage rapidly, even touching some NCR areas by 2010, whether the Railways would also increase the frequency of trains on ring railway

and adjacent NCR areas so that combined efforts of the DMRC and Indian Railways could contribute significantly towards lessening the woes of daily passengers in Delhi and NCR;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made of the increasing daily passenger traffic from NCR and outskirts of NCT; and

(c) whether the existing trains on these routes required introduction of additional trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal at present to introduce additional trains on these routes.

Overhauling of infrastructure

2067. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is planning a major overhaul of its infrastructure during the Eleventh Plan and increase freight business to 1,100 million tonnes by 2011-12 and 8,400 million pasengers;

(b) whether his Ministry has agreed to the Finance Ministry's proposal to involve private funds in its ambitious Rs. 22,000 crores dedicated freight corridor;

(c) whether modernizing infrastructure would forward railway's remarkable turnaround and would also help railways become the country's main transporter by reducing the unit cost of transportation; and

(d) by when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Capacity augmentation of the network and increased rolling stock production is planned to cater to the growth.

(b) The Dedicated Freight Corridor Project is proposed to be financed through a mix of internal generation, market borrowings, budgetary and non-budgetary resources including multilateral and bilateral funding such as by Japanese Government under Special Terms of Economic Partnership (STEP) Scheme.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Eleventh Five Year Plan is under finalization.

Train from Delhi to cities of Rajasthan

†2068. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two trains Udaipur-Delhi *via* Ajmer-Jaipur, 9615/9616 and 4743/4744 Chittor-Ajmer-Phulera-Delhi were running prior to gauge conversion besides it Jaipur-Ajmer-Chittor-Purna was running for Jaipur;

(b) whether it is also a fact that not a single train is available for Jaipur-Delhi *via* Chittor-Bhilwara-Ajmer since 5th July, 2007;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.